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to the mistakes in books as to the colors of some Western flowers; and Miss Banning has some notes on Maryland fungi.

§ 55. **The Syracuse Botanical Club.**—The Annual Meeting was held on the 23rd of March, and we proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. Much to the regret of the Club, Mrs. Gifford, Vice-President, and Mrs. Myers, Secretary, resigned their offices. At our next meeting the work of each member will be laid out for the coming year. The officers elected for 1881 are: President, Mrs. S. M. RUST; Vice-President, Mrs. M. C. STILL; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. KATE BARNES; Recording Secretary, Mrs. H. ROWLING; Treasurer, Mrs. A. D. FAIRBANKS.

Syracuse, March 29th. KATE BARNES, Corresp. Secretary.

§ 56. **Proceedings of the Torrey Club.**—The regular meeting of the Club was held at the Herbarium, Columbia College, Tuesday evening, April 12th, the President in the chair, and sixteen members and two visitors present.

Teratology.—Mr. Gerard exhibited a specimen of *Fuchsia* leaves which were coherent by their margins and petioles, sent by Mr. James Cook, of Canada, for the Club's inspection; also, from another source, a specimen showing adhesion of two flowers of *Fuchsia*.

Mr. Hollick read some notes on variations which had been observed by him in flowers, fruits and leaves. In addition to some abnormal forms which have already been referred to in the BULLETIN, he noted the following: *Thalictrum anemonoides*, Michx., variety in which all the sepals were green; staminody in *Narcissus poeticus*, a garden scape in which most of the petals were rolled up and tipped with an imperfect anther; *Carya porcina*, Nutt., exhibiting a peculiar distortion of the fruit (specimens shown), occurring year after year near Court House Station on the Staten Island Railroad; *Castanea vesca*, var. *Americana*, with nuts much larger than usual and covered with a dense tomentum; and *Lysimachia quadrifolia*, L., with 3, 5 and 6 leaves in a whorl, and also with leaves alternate.

Mr. Bicknell read some notes (illustrating them with specimens) on some variations in ferns. Of the specimens shown and described, there were some of *Botrychium matricariaefolium*, A. Br., in which both the sterile and fertile segments were variously distorted. Sporangia, both scattered and clustered, were borne on various portions of the sterile segments, while the fertile segments, besides showing a tendency to become foliaceous, were very singularly branched—in one instance showing a well-marked apical division. Another specimen shown was a frond of *Phegopteris hexagonoptera*, Fée, in which the two basal pinnae were very greatly developed, giving the whole plant somewhat the habit of *P. Dryopteris*. Still another specimen was one of *Aspidium spinulosum*, Swz., which, by the peculiar growth of the axis, had been brought into such a position as to cause the frond to resemble a five-pointed star.

Messrs. Brown, Hollick and Schrenk were appointed a committee on field excursions for the coming season.

Two corresponding and five active members were elected.